

REMARKS

In the May 10, 2010 Office Action, claims 27-29, 31-33, 35-42, 44-46, and 48-52 were rejected as being indefinite for failing particularly point out and to claim distinctly the subject matter that Applicant regards as the invention. No other objections or rejections were made in the Office Action.

Status of Claims and Amendments

In response to the May 10, 2010 Office Action, Applicant has amended independent claims 27 and 40, and added new claims 53 and 54 as indicated above. Also, Applicant has amended claim 28 to correct an error. Thus, claims 27-29, 31-33, 35-42, 44-46, and 48-54 are pending, with claims 27 and 40 being the only independent claims. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested in view of above amendments and the following comments.

Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

In numbered paragraph 1 of the office action, claims 27-29, 31-33, 35-42, 44-46, and 48-52 were rejected under 35. U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In response, Applicant has amended independent claims 27 and 40.

Specifically, the amended claims 27 and 40 recite ***a content of an alcohol-based solvent being 1 to 10 wt% when the corrosion resistant hydrophobic organic paint material is applied.***

Applicant believes that the claims now particularly point out distinctly the structures of the plate material and the plate material manufacturing method that Applicant regards as the invention, thus, now comply with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

New Claims

Applicant has added new claims 53 and 54 by the current Amendment. Applicant believes that these dependent claims 53 and 54 are allowable over the prior art of record in that they depend from independent claims 27 or 40, and therefore are allowable for the reasons stated above. Also, the dependent claims 53 and 54 are further allowable because they include additional limitations. Thus, Applicants believe that since the prior art of record

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does not anticipate the independent claims 27 and 40, neither does the prior art anticipate the dependent claims 53 and 54.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and comments, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 27-29, 31-33, 35-42, 44-46, and 48-54 are now in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

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